

REMARKS

This paper is being filed in response to the May 25, 2005 personal interview among Examiner O'Hara, Thomas Kowalski, Angela Collison, David Alcock and John Normanton, for which Examiner O'Hara is thanked for the many courtesies extended therein, and further in response to the May 31, 2005 Restriction Requirement. In view of the amendments and remarks herein, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to the application are respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1, 5-6, 10-36 and 41-43 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 5 and 6 have been amended, and claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

No new matter is added.

It is submitted that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. The amendments to the claims and the remarks herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the amendments and remarks are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Office Action of May 31, 2005 required restriction from among the following groups:

- I. Claims 1, 5-7, and 10-32, drawn to compositions comprising a sulfamate compound and an apoptosis inducer, classified in class 530, subclass 351, for example; and
- II. Claims 33-36 and 41-43, drawn to methods of treatment of inducing apoptosis comprising administration of the composition of Group I, classified in class 514, subclass 12, for example.

Applicants hereby elect Group I for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims of Group II in a subsequent application.

CONCLUSION

An early and favorable examination on the merits, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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